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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated August 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16, 17 and 18. Amend claims 1, 5, 14, 19, 20 and 21. Add new claims 23-28 as follows.

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